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■ New Suit for Nordstrom: A discrimination suit seeking \$115 million in damages from Nordstrom, Inc., the Seattle-based retail chain was filed November 18 in Seattle. The suit was filed on behalf of three former African American employees and three African American business owners. The complaint charges Nordstrom with racial prejudice and discrimination in the company's efforts to backload three former African American employees. It is alleged that Nordstrom violated mutual confidentiality agreements, preventing plaintiffs from pursuing employment or other opportunities in their fields. It is also alleged by the business owners that through negative comments, Nordstrom forced its minority-owned company into bankruptcy. Complaints and boycotts have followed the suit's filing. — SEATTLE, WA.

■ Call Renewed for Freedom Budget: The A. Philip Randolph Institute joined by APRI President Norman Hillard US Representative Donald Payne (D-10th C.D.) recently came together to celebrate the role of blacks in the labor movement and call for a renewed campaign for a 1992 Freedom Budget to end poverty and human want in America. Randolph's initial Freedom Budget proposal came in 1967, coinciding with the civil rights movement. APRI is renewing the call for the 90s which goals include: building full employment, full production, and high growth economy; a guarantee of decent and adequate wages to America's workers; eliminating ghettoes and meeting housing needs; providing access to medical care; providing access to educational opportunities; developing the country's infrastructure, transportation and natural resources in ways both environmentally and economically sound, and to guarantee a decent living standard for those unable to work. — ATLANTIC CITY

■ Afrikaans, Arabic, English, Sotho...? In anticipation of a post-apartheid South Africa, CODESA (the Convention on a Democratic South Africa) has the onerous burden of picking an official language for South Africa. Currently, even though 12 major languages are spoken in the country, two (Afrikaans and English) are the official languages of main media and education. Even though most of the country's international trade is carried on in English, the white minority, which speaks Afrikaans, is fighting to make their language the official one. Even though an official language is seen as a strong unifying force, black political parties are expected to rally against Afrikaans and take a pro-English stance. — SOUTH AFRICA

Plainfield's Budget saga comes to an end

by Denise Germain

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield City Council adopted the amended fiscal year 1992 municipal budget by a 6-1 margin on February 20, during a special meeting called by Mayor Harold Mitchell.

It took all of 20 minutes to read and vote to approve the amendments, which set the level for municipal purposes at \$15.6 million.

Jeffries comes to Seton Hall anyway

by J. Adriel Alston

SOUTH ORANGE — In a surprise appearance at Seton Hall's Black History Month Festival, February 9, the controversial City College of New York professor Dr. Leonard Jeffries blasted the Seton Hall administration for barring him from speaking on their campus on the grounds that he is anti-semitic.

The ovation exploded with a standing ovation for Professor Jeffries and his eight body guards entered the stage at Seton Hall's student center. "I decided to come anyway," Jeffries said to the 100 students in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center.

"The students are learning hard issue of life," Jeffries said. "They thought they were going to university where you should be able to discuss every issue, no matter how controversial. Obviously, they were wrong."

"The decision to bar me from speaking reflects far more on the type of university you go to than it does the things that I say."

Jeffries said that at the moment 30 universities at which he has recently spoken, this was the first time he was ever "dis-invited" to place. He contrasted Seton Hall with Harvard University which recently invited him to speak at the same place. Malcolm X spoke over 30 years ago.

"There was an overflow crowd of 1,000 people. Even though there were protesters in the hundreds, the black students at Harvard prevailed," Jeffries said when referring to the coalition of black undergraduates, graduates students, and law students who lobbied to have him come.

Jeffries discounted charges that he is anti-semitic. "We have not called the Jews 'dogs,'" he said calling the charge "ridiculous."

The professor insisted that he has taught students of all races in his class, including a member of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the college. "If we had said disparaging remarks about Jews, he would have made me raise that issue to his people," Jeffries said.

POP advocates Slave Memorial



People's Organization for Progress' Slave Memorial Movement. Pictured (l-r) Lawrence Hamm, chairman POP; William Richardson, student, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Calvin Smith, Seton Hall University student; Roxanne Gregory, National Conference of Black Lawyers; and Karin Arnold, Rutgers student government president.

by Terri Guess

NEWARK — People's Organization for Progress (POP) in their efforts to erect a Holocaust slave memorial announced this month their incorporation as a non-profit organization. The group also received an endorsement of black student leaders from Rutgers University and other college campuses in New Jersey.

POP head Larry Hamm said African Americans in the United States endured 250 years of chattel slavery which ended 127 years ago. "There are monuments in this country, many built with state and federal as well as private funds, to other peoples who have been the victims of oppression and genocide," he said.

"The People's Organization for Progress says it is time to honor our ancestors. We have dedicated ourselves to the task of erecting a monument in honor of those who suffered, perished, and rebelled during slavery," he added.

Hamm said fundraising efforts had been delayed to await incorporation. He said supporters believed the recognition by the state of Memorial to the Ancestors Project (MAP) as a nonprofit corporation, coupled with growing community support, would speed up efforts and "help transform our dream of a memorial into a concrete reality."

The group and its supporters hope to raise between \$15,000 to \$25,000 for the memorial which would be erected in the Newark vicinity by the end of this year.

The announcement was made the first day of African-American History Month. "It is the first day of African-American History Month. Significantly, it is also the thirty-second anniversary of the beginning of the Sit In Movement against racial segregation in this country, which was started by students," Hamm said.

Karen Arnold, student government leader at Rutgers said the memorial would help educate black youths about the things for which their ancestors had to fight.

William Richardson, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University reportedly stated an understanding of the past is needed to move forward to a better future.

Baye Adofa a member of the Black Organization of Students at Rutgers-Newark which co-hosted the press conference said that as students and leaders it was important to become active and help build something that would be lasting.

Calvin Smith, a student at Seton Hall University and associate publisher of the College Entertainment Review, a magazine produced by black college students around the area said he would spread the word and try to generate fundraising activities.

Hamm said he believes the monument would be an inspiration to future generations. "Once erected the monument itself will serve as a source of inspiration and generations of young people to come, helping them to understand how far we have come as a people, the tremendous obstacles we have had to overcome, and the direction in which we must go," he said.

"It is our sincere hope that through student participation, a memorial movement will be sparked, inspiring the establishment of such monuments around the country," he added.

POP has been endorsed by community activists, scholars and reli-

gious leaders. The group is now seeking Federal Incorporation, which will enable them to seek grants from public and private sources.

Members of the Union of African Student Organizations of New Jersey, a group consisting of student representatives from colleges throughout the state and some high schools also voiced their support. Representing the group were Jeff Carroll, the state coordinator and Clarence Coggins III, a founder and trustee.

Forrest Pritchett, a professor and advisor to the Black Student Organization at SHU and Roxanne Gregory, a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the National Conference of Black Lawyers also attended the press conference.

Hamm said information on the project can be obtained from the Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods at 944 Broad Street.

Fundraising drive to aid black South Africans

WASHINGTON, DC — Kicking off Black History Month, the heads of the nine African American church denominations announced a national effort to raise sorely needed funds for humanitarian assistance to black South Africans.

The religious leaders have proclaimed Sunday, February 23, 1992, "South Africa Linkage Sunday in America", and are urging every African American pastor to join them in encouraging their parishioners to call 1-900-230-8880 on that day, a call which will enable them to make a \$5.95 contribution (the cost of the call) to the Mandela Freedom Fund, a non-profit charitable organization which provides humanitarian aid to black South Africans. By dialing the "900" number, callers will also hear a personal message from Nelson Mandela, President of the African National Congress and the head of the church.

South African Linkage Sunday was organized in response to an appeal from President Mandela for caring people in the United States to come to the aid of the millions of black South Africans whose lives hang in the balance as a result of

wretched and pervasive poverty occasioned by the immoral South African system of apartheid. As a result of this racially oppressive system, 81 percent of black South Africans are living in poverty, with no electricity, no plumbing, no tap water, diseased and malnourished.

Responding to Mandela's appeal are: Dr. T.J. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA; Dr. Charles G. Adams, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; Dr. E. Edward Jones, president of the National Baptist Convention of America; Dr. S.M. Lockridge, President of the National Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Bishop Henry Allen Bellin, President of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Milton A. Williams, President of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Bishop C.D. Coleman, Chairman of the National Baptist Convention Church; Bishop Louis Ford, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ; and Bishop S.C. Madison, Presiding Bishop of the

Self-interest is prevailing over compassion in DC

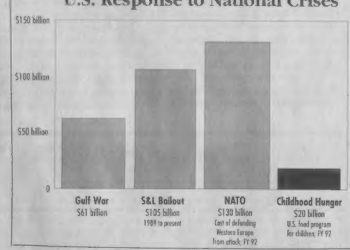
WASHINGTON, DC — People respond to hard times in different ways. Some hold on more tightly than ever to their acquisitions, fearing that they might be taken away. Others, seeing that their neighbors have even greater needs, share what little they have out of compassion.

In Washington during this recession, self-interest has become more prevalent than compassion. While unemployment, hunger, and homelessness increase, special interest groups are attempting to consolidate their past gains with desperate resolve. There is simply no other way to explain the incompre-

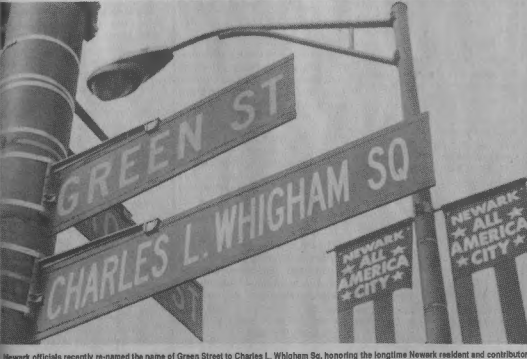
hensible efforts being made by Congress and the President on how to spend the \$1.6 billion entrusted to them by taxpayers.

How else does one explain that the amount the United States is spending to defend Europe from a non-existent Soviet army — roughly \$130 billion — is six times greater than what it spends to protect our own children from the very real ravages of hunger and malnutrition? What other reason exists for spending over \$100 billion to bail out the failed savings and loans while not safeguarding the investment?

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A changing of the sign



Newark officials recently re-named the name of Green Street to Charles L. Whigham 94, honoring the longtime Newark resident and contributor.

CITY PEOPLE

Plainfield realtors install Campbell as new president



PLAINFIELD — At their recent Installation Luncheon, the Plainfield Area Board of Realtors was host to the New Jersey Association of Realtors President Maurice Hageman (l) and New Jersey Association of Realtors 2nd District Vice-President Gloria Costello (r).

John C. Campbell Realty (Campbell pictured center) was installed as president of the 600 member organization which serves the real estate needs of the Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Piscataway, and surrounding communities.

I Have a Dream book available at Plainfield Post Office

PLAINFIELD — The 68-page, hardcover book, "I Have a Dream: A Collection of Black Americans on Postage Stamps," is now on sale at the Plainfield Post Office in time to celebrate Black History Month.

"I Have a Dream" is a tribute to 28 black men and women who have appeared on United States postage stamps, and their significant social and scientific accomplishments that have enriched and improved the lives of millions of Americans.

"This book is an educational, historical tool," Postmaster Edward Pryor said. "It was inspired by our Black Heritage Series of postage stamps, which started in February, 1978 with the issuance of the Harriet Tubman stamp. In the history of the United States Postal Service, over 50 black Americans have appeared on postage stamps."

"I Have a Dream" contains 18 stamps with protective mounts plus mounts for 10 other, older issues described in the collection, but not included. Customers may wish to add these stamps to the collection

by contacting local stamp dealers," Pryor commented.

"Besides the actual stamps, highlights of the collection include 28 beautiful portraits of the honored black Americans by noted artist Thomas Blackshear, designer of four previous Black Heritage Series Stamps and the popular classic films black of four stamps issued in 1989. Each portrait in "I Have a Dream" is accompanied by biographical notes about the honored individual," Pryor said.

One of the primary stamps in the collection commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose famous 1962 "I Have a Dream" speech inspired the book's title. Other stamps contained in the book pay homage to such black American luminaries as Ralph Bunch, Duke Ellington, Scott Joplin, Jan Matzeliger, Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, and Whitney Moore.

The introduction was written by famed "Roots" author Alex Haley.

Congressman Payne convenes forum on medical system reform

State Health Commissioner Dr. Francis Duranton (l) confers with Rep. Donald Payne before the forum on health care where Payne emphasized the need to resuscitate a failing health care system. Payne noted, "that upward of 84 million Americans have no health care insurance, and another 40 million are underinsured." Payne and other speakers offered several solutions. One



Access bill which is a single, publicly administered program which would cover every American.

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulker

Superstitions are dangerous

When was the last time that you got worried when black cat crossed your path? When did you last go out of your way to avoid walking under a ladder? Or, drew ash over your shoulder for good luck? Or got scared when you broke a mirror (because you expected to have seven years of bad luck)? Or, finally, avoided dating someone because they were born under a different astrological sign than you?

It is really true that you will have bad luck if a black cat crosses your path? Many people think it is. Some people become terrified if they spot a black cat a block away. Are you one of those individuals? Why do you believe this, or any superstition, to be true? If you believe in superstition your parents probably did too. They taught it to you. But there is no evidence to support any superstition so-called "bad luck." If something uncomfortable happens, people who believe in superstition think that it was caused by something that they did. This increases their fear. But non-superstitious people simply attribute it to chance or coincidence, and go fearlessly about their business.

Superstitious people believe that some evil being is able to watch everyone on earth, at the same time. This "being" keeps careful records, they think, of every broken mirror (he [it] must have the largest computer or file cabinet in existence) and punishes every individual who has the misfortune of breaking a mirror. If you break 10 mirrors, over a lifetime, your entire life will be total torment, so the superstitious think.

People whose parents did not believe in superstition, don't believe in them either because their parents never taught them to be afraid of their own behavior. They live perfectly normal lives. And they have the great advantage of not being nervous when they see a black cat, or walk under a ladder, or have to live through Friday the 13th, or break a mirror, or do any of the other things that are supposed to mysteriously make their lives miserable. No one has ever proven that there is any connection between your behavior and any super natural being. Don't forget that billions of people who live in other countries have never heard of these superstitions and would laugh at you if you crossed the street to avoid having a black cat cross your path.

Millions of people are manipulated by others who tell them how to remove their "bad luck." They often become wealthy by selling you a trinket, bundle, a piece of cloth, or anything that they can make you think will solve your problem and "chase away evil spirits." These people are unscrupulous. They know that this "stuff" will have no effect whatsoever.

If you are superstitious, you have given control of your life to someone else simply because you have accepted myths as being true. These myths were accepted hundreds of years ago by people who did not understand science. It is time, now, for you to take control of your own life, stop being controlled by others, and throw these silly fairytales from your life.

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Carmen Mosca, Newark Employee of the Month

NEWARK — Carmen Mosca, community planner for Newark Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana's Office, was named January's "Employee of the Month" by Mayor Sharpe James.

"I value the work produced by Carmen Mosca. She has been a vital link to the Hispanic community by ensuring that my administration meets the needs of that community," Mayor James said.

As community planner, Ms. Mosca is responsible for assisting the Hispanic community and all

Newark citizens in various areas. She handles the daily operation of the Deputy Mayor's office which includes serving as a liaison between the administration and the Hispanic community, as well as, handling referrals with other municipal government offices.

Ms. Mosca, a 17-year municipal employee, was forced to flee Cuba along with her brother in 1962. She stated that many other Cuban parents, along with her own, felt it was necessary to save their children from communism. With the help of

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

NEW YORK CITY — William Gladstone will lecture on the "Black Man in the Civil War" 7:30 p.m. at the 7th Regiment Army, Park Avenue and 68th Street. For more information call 212-575-6483.

WESTFIELD — FEMALE (Formerly Employed) at the Leading Edge will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark Street, Overland/Inglewood. Dr. Michelle Reed will speak on "Women's Change: Their Impact on Women's Lives."

MAHWAH — Photographs by Ben Regan "Mountain People of Guatemala" will be on display through Feb. 28 at Ramapo College located at 508 Ramapo Valley Road. For more information call 201-526-7855/7368.

TENAFLY — The collection of William Katz and art work by Izell Glover will be on display through Feb. 29 at the SMA Facilities, 23 Bliss Avenue.

WEST LONG BRANCH — "Out of Indigo Textiles from Western Nigeria," from the Eric Robert Collection will be on display until March 3 at the Monmouth College 600 Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 3 p.m.

PLAINFIELD — Brian Townsend of Plainfield will show his "Recent Oil Paintings" through to March 20 at Swain Galleries at 703 Watchung Avenue. For more information call 908-756-1707.

PLAINFIELD — Literacy Tutor Training will take place at the Plainfield Public Library from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will host a free seminar concerning "Retirement Planning" at the New Jersey Law Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 1-888-FREE-LAW ext. 229.

NEWARK — SHARE is having a special program on Newark Recycling from 5 to 9 p.m. at 436 Ferry Street. For more information call 201-344-2400.

NEW YORK CITY — "Damaged Visions," a self-documentary by Ramapo College professor Robert Gurewitz will be displayed at the Museum of Modern Art through to the end of April.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Demonstration of state-of-the-art technological equipment used in learning tools will highlight an Engineering Technologies Open House from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Scotch Plains/Ramapo College's Scotch Plains Campus. For more information call 908-889-5752 or 908-889-8387.

NEWARK — A slide presentation on the

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

WAYNE — Dr. Howard Leighton, a William Paterson College professor of art will discuss the French painter Paul Gauguin at 11:30 a.m. in the Ben Chan Galleries on campus. For more information call 201-985-2554.

MONTCLAIR — "A Single Vision" will address Transforming Relationships - Moving Away from Fear into Unconditional Love at 7:30 p.m. at the Montclair University Church, 40 Orange Road. For more information call 201-746-8171 or 201-226-5099.

JERSEY CITY — The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society will meet at the Plainfield Public Library at 3 p.m.

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City State College will hold a "Financial Aid Workshop" from 12:30 to 2:30 in the multipurpose room of the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building on campus located at 2039 Boulevard Boulevard. For more information call 201-200-3234.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

JERSEY CITY — "The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Poorer," is the focus of the Jersey City All-Peoples Congress at 7 p.m. 500 Martin Luther King Drive. Members will discuss social and economic conditions which gave rise to Malcolm X on the anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X. For more information call 201-433-2232.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

PISCATAWAY — WERA will offer "Operation Heartbeat '92," a radiothon benefiting the American Heart Association at the University Heights, and Somerset areas on Saturday and Sunday.

SOMERSET — The New Jersey Flower and Garden Show will be held through to March 1 at the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more information call 908-660-8020.

PERTH AMBOY — Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Mi Tierra Festival featuring Los Planeros de la 21 will explore Puerto Rico's musical and cultural heritage at the Puerto Rican Center at 404 East and Frances streets. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 908-745-4439 or 908-745-8888.

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Stamp Club will hold its annual stamp show through to the 23 at the Recreation Center of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church located at 414 East Broad Street. For more information call 908-233-9318.

TOTOWA — The Totowa Branch Library in association with Cathy Smith is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Book Sale at the Totowa Branch located at 404 Union Avenue between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEWARK — A slide presentation on the

Europan Workshop of African Madonna from Italy to Aunt Jeanine - April 1 will be presented by Mado Sosa, attorney-at-law of Decatur, Ga. as part of the African Ecumenical lecture series. The lecture will be held at the Center for Black Studies at 21 Ashland Street. For more information call 201-373-3826.

PLAINFIELD — The Chamber Concert Series of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield will present a Choral Concert presented by the Plainfield Community Chorus at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 724 North Avenue. For more information call 908-754-0783.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PLAINFIELD — "How to Buy a Computer," a talk by Ron Williams will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library. For more information call 908-757-1111.

PLAINFIELD — Home Health Care will be the topics addressed at the Plainfield Senior Center located at 300 East Broad Street. For more information call 908-753-3506.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. for a Policy Meeting and at 8:30 p.m. for a School Community Relations meeting in the Plainfield High School Conference Room.

LINDEN — The Center of Hope will have its Sixth Annual Charity Ball at 8 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Auditorium on Huxsa Street. For more information call 908-245-0775.

IRVINGTON — The Irvington Health Department is featuring free pap test and breast exams at 9 a.m. at Irvington General Hospital for Irvington females ages 18 years old and over. For more information call 201-399-8652.

PLAINFIELD — The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Plainfield will meet at 8 p.m. in the City Hall Library located at 515 Watchung Avenue.

MAHWAH — Eric E. Stirling, president of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation will argue for legalizing drugs and decriminalizing the use of the Office of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services, County of Essex, at the Essex County Courthouse at 7 p.m. in the New Alumni Lounge of Ramapo College. For more information call Paul Henshaw at 201-528-7579.



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Full figured, female companion desired by SBM. Send reply to P.O. Box 1638, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Please include photo and phone number.

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SBF, 40 years young, never married, no children, no diseases and no nasty habits. I am seeking a serious black male between 40 and 50 who is secure, likes jazz, the outdoors, church, etc. Only the serious respond. PO Box 845, Paterson, NJ 07654-0845.

Carmen Mosca

the Peter Pan Underground "Save the Children Campaign," she and others were sent to America. Once in America, she said she began writing letters to government officials to obtain visas for her parents, which were granted within the year. Meanwhile, she and her brother were placed in separate foster homes as her parents settled in Newark. The family was reunited in 1963.

"I have spent the majority of my life in Newark," Ms. Mosca said. "I consider it my hometown, and I'm really proud to be working for the James Administration. It gives me a sense of belonging which translates into motivation to do more."

"I was really surprised and honored to be named Employee of the Month after working here for so many years, and I am really grateful to Mayor Sharpe James for his kind words and my family. He doesn't forget the little people," she said. She has two sons, Ted and Daniel, and is married to Deputy Chief John Mosca, whom she met in City Hall.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Justice, just this once

This past week, Teaneck Police Officer Gary Spath was acquitted for any wrongdoings in the shooting death of Phillip Pannell Jr. Even though testimony and evidence leaned toward a different verdict, the all-white jury could not help but find the police officer not-guilty.

Is justice too much for African Americans and other minorities to ask for? That's all any American asks for each time they come before a judge and "jury of his/her peers" and that's precisely what everyone deserves. Blacks are painfully aware every day of their lives that they always ending up in the sandbox or a puddle of mud. The American majority does not want to give up their status quo, and minorities refuse to give up on what is their's just by birthright.

Were the Pannells naive when they thought their son's death would be vindicated? Were any of us actually surprised when the verdict came in as it did? The answer is probably no to both counts. It's just that in this democratic country where truth and honesty and integrity are supposed to be factors that America has been built on, the Pannells, the Hannah's, the Potts' and hundreds of others just want a little justice. These families and all Americans just want to know that the truth will result in honesty, justice and decency, even though recent experiences show the exact opposite.

Letters to the Editor...

Support drug treatment for prisoners

Dear Editor:
Congressman Frank Gurnea has sponsored legislation to establish addiction treatment programs in prisons across the nation. The Hudson County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse believes this is a common-sense and money-saving idea which is greatly needed. We encourage concerned citizens to express support for this measure to their US Representatives and Senators.

Every time one drug offender is put in prison, another untreated drug offender, who represents the same threat to society, is released. Thus, the painful price for courts, jails, and taxpayers yields no relief from crime. We must work to escape this vicious cycle.

Prison sentences should be used as an opportunity to address the causes of addicted inmates' criminal activity. Addiction treatment programs have helped thousands of addicts return to the workforce and family life. By making a relatively small initial investment in treatment programs, the greater economic and social cost of continued drug abuse can be avoided.

Some people think convictions deserve pure "hard time" as a punishment for crime, and that addiction treatment programs would coddle them. However, the few treatment programs currently operating around the country have shown that rather than coddling convicts, these programs can help them avoid further criminal activity after their release. By delaying the establishment of addiction treatment programs at prisons and jails, we only punish ourselves.

Robert P. Hanev,
President
Hudson County Council
on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Quotes of the Week

"That's what universities are for, to allow issues, no matter how difficult, to be discussed."

Professor Leonard Jeffries

during appearance at Seton Hall University
after being banned from speaking by university officials
South Orange, NJ

"The People's Organization for Progress says it is time to honor our ancestors. We have dedicated ourselves to the task of erecting a monument in honor of those who suffered, perished, and rebelled during slavery."

Larry Hamm

Head of People's Organization of Progress
in support of memorial to honor slaves
Newark, NJ

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by Connie Woodruff

A fractured Democratic Party in Essex is sure to give Governor Florio another headache he doesn't need on top of the turmoil in the Assembly and Senate.

Ray Lesniak, the new Democratic state chairman doesn't need to start his new job putting out personal political fires either.

But the best guess on in Essex and now it can be told: county executive Tom D'Alessio wants his county chairman, Ray Durkin to give up the party leadership like yesterday.

Can't believe D'Alessio is complaining that Durkin is meddling in county government. He should know

party chairmen have always done that. It's how things get done and is the primary perk of the job.

For almost a decade now D'Alessio has gotten everything he wanted from the party. He was selected to run for Sheriff when only a few party faithful really knew who he was but since he was obviously Durkin's choice loyalists followed the leader.

Then D'Alessio wanted the job he had and before voters knew what was happening they had voted him in and Nick Amato, a Democrat-turned-Republican-turned Democrat was out.

It's probably fair to say Chairman Durkin was a prime mover and shaker behind D'Alessio's victories. During those campaigns the

chairman made periodic appearances, but on a regular basis the campaigning county executive was always accompanied by an entourage of folks clearly identified with Durkin.

Was that "interference" or smart politics?

Whatever it was, Durkin has obviously learned how to grab power and wield influence from a couple of masters of the art of politics: his predecessors, the late Dennis Carey and wily veteran Harry Lermer.

These guys were not shy about letting you know who was boss. They had special corner tables reserved in their favorite watering holes where they plotted and planned strategy. When an errand dissatisfied was summoned to their office, that person and everybody else knew somebody was in real trouble.

Carey and Lermer not only interfered in county government, in their heydays they literally ran county government between drinks or pounding on desks. Comparisons to the late fists of Dennis and Harry Ray Durkin's alleged meddling makes him look like a pussy cat.

At any rate, one cannot imagine Durkin quitting his coveted job just because he's made one or two hundred Democrats mad; and he's stubborn enough not to be bought off with the promise of a state appointment. He likes being county chairman, a job he's held for 12 years.

He also enjoyed his stint as State Democratic chairman but stepped down at the governor's request, probably because Jim Florio was under nut to carry.

If Durkin won't let go the alternative is for D'Alessio forces to run a state of county committee people in the primary election, win and then get enough votes to elect the chairman when he comes up for re-election a week after the June 2 primary.

Now, why all the fussin' and feedin'? Some Democrats may want a new county chairman despite all the money Durkin has raised and the victories he's brought county candidates.

Of course the chief ticket buyers in the \$150-per-cent industry held in the spring and fall, are the elected officials (expected to buy at least one or two tables) and county employees who are not coerced into

supporting a strictly political affair but who are unshakable in their belief — no tickles, no jobs.

The D'Alessio-Durkin squabble is on the lips of every county employee and whenever two political activists meet by chance. One can even find opinions about the feud at Broad and Market Streets where you run into all kinds of people.

As for would-be speculators, all kinds of names are surfacing as potential candidates for Democratic chairman.

Names like former mayor Ken Gibson, County Exec D'Alessio, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Attorney Elmer Herman, recently ousted Freeholder Clerk Adrienne Davis and getthisone, Peter Shapiro, the former county executive ousted by Nick Amato the then Republican.

It's really wild scenario, proving that real life can be stranger than fiction because Shapiro is affiliated with a New York "Yorkie" farm and assumed to be making a ton of money far from the maddening glory and gore of Essex County politics.

D'Alessio has said he is not actively seeking the chairmanship but "let's face it, a consensus, I would consider it."

Gibson couldn't be reached for a comment. James "insiders" swear by all that is holy their man is interested only in a third term as mayor and that New's budget problems kept him so busy he doesn't even have time to decide to choose sides in war between the county's two political giants.

He also takes heat. Democrats are fighting all over. In Jersey City, now that Mayor Gerald McCann has had to relinquish his seat, a big push is on to have him permanently replace by one of several veteran black leaders.

Plainfield mayor Mitchell is in the hot seat and sure to face strong opposition next time around.

Of course, the rumors in Irvington is that City Council President, Freeholder Sara Best may be "drafted" to run as the first female candidate for mayor.

And in East Orange some folks are trying to put a recall campaign in place for at least one council member who's been in the new lately.

Let's face it. The antics of some Democratic elected officials keep making politics a lively, entertaining pastime and an exciting scenario of a life and death struggle to succeed and survive.

God bless 'em all.

UMDNJ President urges support for Florio budget

Dear Editor:

Governor Jim Florio's proposed FY 1993 budget, which includes \$1,061 billion for higher education and urges a cap upon tuition increases at 4.5 percent, deserves unequalled support from the citizens of New Jersey.

The governor recognizes the success story of higher education and its importance to New Jersey's economy. He has found a unique way to improve higher education while minimizing tuition increases and making education affordable and accessible to poor and middle-income families in New Jersey.

For medical, dental, nursing and allied-health students, who are New Jersey's future healthcare providers, minimum tuition increases are imperative. Medical and dental students at UMDNJ, New Jersey's university of the health sciences, already pay the nation's fourth highest in-state public school tuition — \$11,053. Hiking tuition any more than 4.5 percent would significantly add to the extraordinary financial debt already carried by UMDNJ medical and dental students upon graduation. Their average debt is now a staggering \$49,958.

With this proposed 4.5 percent cap on tuition, Gov. Florio is taking a leadership role in the national debate on the impact of tuition on access to higher education. The governor's proposed cap comes at a time when tuition costs nationwide are skyrocketing. In 1991-92 nationwide, tuition and fees at public colleges increased by nearly 12 percent; increases in Connecticut and California, for example, were 20-40 percent, respectively, while New York's ranged from 16 to 60 percent.

New Jersey students have also felt the economic sting of tuition hikes, paying increases that, prior to 1991-1992, outpaced regional and national averages. In FY 1992, New Jersey tuition increases were generally lower than in previous years but still averaged just under 10 percent at four-year public institutions.

The proposed FY 1993 budget for higher education directly benefits all New Jersey families. It not only stabilizes tuition but also provides, through several grant and loan programs, direct assistance to students and their families. Without these programs, many of the state's poor and middle-income families could not afford to send their children to college.

In higher education policy, our continued efforts to manage our resources effectively and creatively in order to maximize the use of state resources and ensure the quality and value of our educational programs.

Stanley S. Bergen, Jr. M.D.
President
The University of Medicine
and Dentistry of New Jersey



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

"Why, when you go to Washington, DC expecting those crooks down there to pass some kind—and that's what they are—to pass some kind of civil rights legislation to correct a very criminal situation, what you are doing is encouraging the Black man, who is the victim, to take his case into the court that is controlled by the criminal that made him the victim. It will never be solved in that way. Just like running from the wolf to the fox. The black man doesn't have to go to court to be free. Uncle Sam should be taken to court and made to tell why the black man is not free in a so-called free society."

Brother Malcolm X

The events of the past two weeks have once again dramatized the correctness of the words of one of our greatest leaders, Brother Malcolm X. In the above excerpt from his speech on "Black Revolution" in New York, on April 9, 1964, while he is referring to his contention that African Americans should not rely on the justice system in America to redress the ills that plague our country, but instead insist on our struggle onto the international stage — moving from civil rights to human rights, we can certainly see even more clearly today why his analysis was not only timely, but correct.

From the wolf to the fox

the protest marches and demonstrations which die out. Yet, those police officers who believe that they can operate above the law without fear of punishment, continue to be allowed to stay on the payroll, and never be taken to task for some of their reckless and careless action. There are just too many young 12-, 13-, 14-, 15-, 16-, 17- and 18-year-old African American males who have been the victims of this use of deadly force, needlessly.

It's a terrible reality that most African Americans have no confidence in our criminal justice system. I don't know anyone who really believes that we can get a fair trial and be treated with any consistent degree of fairness, as other groups in this country can expect. Most people think that justice is fleeing at night. The cynicism grows daily, and I dare say, that most would now agree with Malcolm X's assertion that to go to the people who control the justice system to right the wrongs that have been heaped upon our people is indeed like "running from the wolf to the fox."

However one might feel about Mike Tyson, and whether you think he did or didn't do what he was accused of, most black people do not believe he received a fair trial, simply because he was not judged by a jury of his peers. Antagonically, if there was ever a case to be made for a charge of "high-tech lynching," Mike Tyson would certainly have one. The mainstream media were working in concert with those

individuals and people who wanted to destroy a Don King and by Mike Tyson.

All you need to do is just to examine some of the articles and stories which appeared in some of the New Jersey papers about this case, and then look at how the Pannell case was covered, and you will find some glaring deficiencies.

Not one paper speculated on the "dark side" of Gary Spath, charged with as despicable a crime as Tyson. Not one paper outlined his history of off-the-record force, yet they detailed all of Mike Tyson's alleged history of a certain type of behavior. Not one paper speculated on how out of control Gary Spath was, and how no one was able to stop him from finally taking a young man's life. Yet, they accused a whole host of people for supposedly not controlling Mike Tyson. Not one paper called Gary Spath the worst of humanity. Yet Mike Tyson was compared to "the worst of humanity in one of the rag sheets which daily show their contempt for anyone black. These facts and other contradictions which highlight the double standards in place can not be ignored or pushed aside.

It's hard to keep faith in a justice system which seems to validate over and over again two realities: If you are white, you are innocent until proven guilty; but if you are black, you are guilty, and it's up to you to prove your innocence. Will we keep running from the wolf to the fox?

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Ajarae Johnson wins Park Avenue School Geography Bee

ORANGE—Ajarae Johnson, a sixth grade student at Park Avenue School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on December 3, 1991 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the fourth annual National Geographic Bee, which is sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, the Society's magazine for children, and Amtrak.

The kick-off for this year's Bee was the week of December 2, 1991 to coincide with Geography Awareness Week. Thousands of schools around the United States, the District of Columbia, and five US territories participated. The school winners, including Ajarae, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee March 27, 1992.

The National Geographic Society with its co-sponsors will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, for state champions and their teacher escorts to participate in the National Geographic Society National Championship on May 20 and 21. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship; the second-place winner, a \$15,000 scholarship; and the third-place winner, a \$10,000 scholarship.

Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. A 10-country

Gallup survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 1989 found that people in the US ages 18 to 24—the



Ajarae Johnson

youngest group surveyed—knew less about geography than young people in any of the other countries in the survey.

The National Geographic Society, with 10 million members, has as its mission the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge."

In addition to the National Geography Bee, the Society sponsors a number of other geography education initiatives, including the Summer Geography Institute for teachers, the National Geographic Society Education Foundation, and the Geographic Alliance Network, which currently encompasses almost every state and Puerto Rico.

What is Africa to me:
Copper sun or scarlet sea,
Jungle star or jungle tree,
Strong bronze men or regal black
Women from whose loins I sprang
When the birds of Eden sang?

To most readers of poetry by Negroes, these lines identify Countee Cullen, one of the leading poets of the "Negro Renaissance" of the twenties. Precocious, enormously talented, Countee Cullen was a nationally acclaimed poet at the age of twenty-one with the publication of his first book of poems, "Color," which won the Harmon Award for high achievement in literature in 1925. Sure of his ability in poetry and despite his predominance of Negro themes in his work, Cullen wanted to be known simply as a poet rather than as a Negro poet.

In addition to "Color," Cullen published other collections of poems under the titles of "The Ballad of the Brown Girl" (1927), "Copper



Sun" (1927) and "The Black Christ and Other Poems" (1929). He also edited an anthology of poetry of poems called "Caroling Dusk" (1929). In 1932 he saw the publication of his only novel, "One Way to Heaven."

Countee Cullen was born in New York City and reared by a Methodist minister whose name was Cullen. While a high school student, Cullen's poetic skill was recognized and encouraged. After completing his high school education, Cullen entered the undergraduate division of New York University. Here he distinguished himself by winning the Witter Bynner poetry

prize for undergraduates in American colleges. More than a dozen campus literary journals published his work. After earning a Phi Beta Kappa key from New York University, Cullen entered Harvard and received the master of arts degree in 1926.

While Cullen wrote in the classical idiom, he was able to adapt his style to the protest motif which was present in the "Negro Renaissance," particularly in his long poem on lynching, "The Black Christ." An example of the classical style applied to a racial theme might be noted in the concluding lines of "Black Majesty," a poem about the Haitian revolutionists, Henri Christophe, Dessalines, and Toussaint L'Ouverture: "Lo, I am dark, but comely," Sheba sings. "And we were black," three shades reply, "but kings."

Taken from Countee Cullen, *The Black Christ and Other Poems*, New York, Harper and Brothers, (1929).

Passaic senior gets a French connection

by Wilfredo Ramos, Jr.

PASSAIC—Bonjour! Did you ever wonder what this means or how teenagers in France act or what they wear?

Stephanie Campos, a senior at Passaic High School, was fortunate enough to get a first-hand experience in France. Stephanie stayed in France for four and a half months and lived in Brest, a city in France, with her host parents. This was part of an exchange system in the Open Door Student Exchange Program arranged by Ms. Margaret Darnall, Foreign Language Department Chairperson. She attended school there and had an opportunity to speak with many French teenagers.

"The teenagers in France take school more seriously. But other than that, they have the same worries and problems. They like American and English music. Ninety per-

cent of their music is American. French high school students think that Americans sing better than French singers," Stephanie commented.

"After school, French teenagers usually go to a cafe, have coffee, and just hang out. They do a lot of the things we do," she said.

"Sports are totally different in France than here. The most popular sports are soccer and rugby. There was no interschool competition. Then on Sundays they would broadcast American sports on TV. Their TV only had five channels, and one of them was cable."

American clothing tops to French teens.

How many times have you looked at Paris clothing designs in a magazine and thought these were really unique outfits that supposedly everyone is wearing in France? Well, according to Stephanie, it isn't like that.

"In France, they wear mostly American-labeled clothing. You see a lot of people walking around with Georgetown and Duke T-shirts. They do not dress like fashions in the magazines."

"Another thing I noticed was that the drug problem wasn't really visible. Students told me that people take drugs, but you had to look hard for them. Drugs aren't as bad here as in the US. Their hardest visible drug was marijuana."

"There is a stereotype that the French hate Americans," Stephanie said, "that is not true. I didn't feel any hatred towards me. They really treated me nicely. At first, I was homesick because of the language barrier, but as time passed, it became easier."

"I can say that French priorities are different. Their careers are taken seriously. Money is all powerful, yet not loved. The family is very important. The French take life as it comes," Stephanie remarked.

"Many students here probably wouldn't mind going to school in France. Students are basically left on their own, and teachers don't check up on them. They are very independent, and it is expected that the students do their best. The student-teacher relationship was distant, however. The teachers were definitely not their friends. You could not relate to them as to our teachers here in the US," Stephanie said.

"It was a great experience. It gave me a brief perspective of the world. I learned that if I try, I can get anything I want. Obstacles don't seem that hard."

Ms. Velez goes to New York

UNION—Maria Velez of Newark, a student majoring in political science at Kean College of New Jersey, was recently awarded a Washington Center scholarship to attend Campaign '92. The Democratic National Convention in New York.

Campaign '92 is designed to offer a comprehensive course of study beginning several months before the convention including a two-week program which explores a number of topics and issues relevant to the current campaign, the electoral process, and national policy issues. In addition, Velez will be required to take part in briefings and panel discussions, small group discussions, workshops, convention sessions, and fieldwork.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars was founded to provide promising college students with real world experience. It offers individuals scheduled internship placements as well as academic seminars covering a variety of topics. Scholarships are awarded by corporations, foundations, and individuals from around the country on the basis of financial need and merit.

Scholarships!! Junior League

deadline—March 6

MILLBURN—The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism. The League will award up to five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors to help with future college costs. Applicants must live in Millburn, Short Hills, Maplewood, Springfield, Livingston, or the Oranges.

Scholarship candidates will be evaluated on volunteer experience, achievements, leadership ability and responsibility, scholarship use, future plans, and scholarship record. Application forms have been distributed to area public and private schools. Additional applications and information can be obtained by calling the League at 201-379-9655.

NAAAD to award \$250 to PHS senior

PLAINFIELD—This year the National Association for African-American Development, Incorporated (N.A.A.A.D.) will award one Plainfield High School senior a \$250 allotment per semester to purchase books and supplies. This award will be maintained as long as the student is enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university.

The N.A.A.A.D. is a not-for-profit, pro-active membership organization whose purpose is to establish, promote, pursue, and implement plans and programs designed to greatly enhance the quality of life for African-American people.

The recipient of this year's award will be honored on Saturday, March 25, at the Grant Avenue Community Center in Plainfield. The N.A.A.A.D. cordially invites parents, friends, and concerned citizens to attend this First Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Dinner. All tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. For more information please call 908-561-8083 or 908-789-1225.

Newark NAACP in ACT-SO Olympics

NEWARK—Jackie Lawrence, president of the Newark branch of the NAACP is pleased to announce the Newark Chapter's participation in the 1992 ACT-SO Olympics.

ACT-SO (African-American, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) is a national program sponsored by the NAACP since 1977 to encourage academic and artistic achievement through competition among African American high school students in grades 9 through 12.

The 24 competition categories include music, poetry, dance, drama, oratory, science, math, art, and filmmaking.

First place winners in each category will have the opportunity to compete for scholarship dollars in the national competition held at the national NAACP convention.

The state wide competition will be held on April 11. Any Newark student interested in competing should contact the Newark NAACP office at 201-624-6400.

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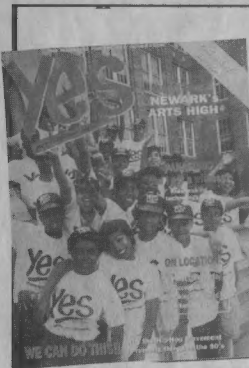
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RELIGIOUS
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

EAST ORANGE - The Archdiocese of Newark will in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress VI will take place at Essex Catholic High School at 135 Glenwood Avenue. For more information call 201-596-4298 or 201-596-4298.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

PLAINFIELD - St. Bernard's Church and the Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 3-8:30 p.m. at the Holy Family School Gym, 365 Emerson Avenue. To make an appointment call 908-756-3393 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLAINFIELD - The Church Women United will have a World Day of Prayer at First Park Baptist Church, 315 West Seventh Street at 1:30 p.m. The theme is "Living Wisely with Creation."

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

SHORT HILLS - Mount Zion Church will celebrate men and women believers at the Short Hills, 610 Morris Turnpike. The Reverend Brenda Blackmon, anchor, reporter, and award winning talk show host of WWOV-TV Channel 9 is the guest speaker. For more information call 201-762-1850.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

NEW BRUNSWICK - An evening of Gospel Music with Sister Sadie and the Pearly Whites will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Sharon Baptist Church at 25 Howard Street. For more information call 908-745-4489 or 908-745-3888.

Send your religious calendar events to: City News, P.O. Box 1174, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Rejoicing
at Second
Baptist

Wednesday February 19

Water Baptism Service, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday February 20

Black Entrepreneur Seminar

7:30 p.m.

Friday February 21

Liberated Gospel Choir of Rutgers

University, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday February 22

Schomburg Center for research

of Black Culture

Sunday February 23

African American History Family

Feud Contest, 6 p.m.

Wednesday February 26

Blacks in the Bible Teaching

Seminar, 7:30 p.m.

Friday February 28

Prophecy a drama production at

State Theater in New Brunswick,

7 p.m.

Saturday February 29

9 a.m. Metropolitan Ecumenical

Ministry Program

Second Baptist Church

101 Broad St. Box 1608

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Dr. Donald Hilliard, Jr.

Senior Pastor

980-265-5293

Plainfield's
Budget

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cit who voted against the measure was Councilwoman Helen Miller. Mrs. Miller stated in her comments, that the budget was not a truthful one as it imposes on the backs of the taxpayers. She cited that several positions in the Department of Public Works have been upgraded when that action was not supposed to occur.

During the budget process, the public outcry came mostly from members of the citizen budget advisory committee, who painstakingly researched the proposed budget line by line, but other than that, speakers at the public hearings were few and far between.

When asked how the city can get the public to come out to state their opinions, Council President Fabemah El-Amin stated that the council and the administration could work to better educate the public so they will understand the process and want to come out.

She suggested maybe placing some type of information on the process with the tax bills or some other type of public communications campaign. Councilwoman Elizabeth Ughurhan agreed that education is the key. The word has to be put out to the public and then in turn they will better understand how the budget will affect them personally.

UNB makes completion of Rose
of Sharon Church a reality

PLAINFIELD - Thanks to a \$300,000 loan issued by United National Bank of Plainfield, construction of Rose of Sharon Community Church is back on track with a completion date of June 1992.

On Wednesday, February 12, church members and bank officials

my father, the late Rev. Ovie E. Lattimore, with new funding," Rev. Ball said.

The project was initially launched after members of the congregation had raised the first \$100,000. Ground was broken in November 1987 under the pastordship

from church members and our friends," Rev. Ball said. According to Rev. Ball, although the million dollar edifice is designed to be the congregation's permanent place for worship, it will accommodate a center for activities and programs to meet the needs of the congregation



Officials from Rose of Sharon Community Church at God and United National Bank rejoice in front of the sign that signals the resumption of construction to fulfill the mission of its founder, the late Rev. Ovie E. Lattimore. Present at (l-r) Brenda Jennings; Burns Jones, church trustee; Hon. Elizabeth Ughurhan, Plainfield City Councilwoman; Donald Buckley, UNB President; Pierce Baugh, UNB Executive VP; Rev. M. Laverne Ball, pastor; George Lattimore, Vice Chairman of Trustee Board; Walter DeBates, UNB Vice President; William Ball, Sr., Chairman of Trustee Board; and Thomas Scruggs, general contractor.

gathered with Pastor M. Laverne Lattimore Ball during a brief ceremony in front of the church, located 825 West Seventh Street, to celebrate the resumption of construction on the church.

"The Lord has used the banking industry, the community, and me-

her brother, the late Rev. Everett C. Lattimore.

Due to funding problems, construction has been sporadic with a bridge loan from Midlantic National Bank advancing the project to its present state.

"We began the difficult journey by faith and with many gifts

and the community.

"We salute the bank for its commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the City of Plainfield," Rev. Ball said. "This is additional evidence that where there is a partnership between the private institutions, the church and community, good things can happen."

AFRICAN AMERICAN
HERITAGE ON THIRTEEN

Evening at Pops: Songs of Freedom Wednesday, February 19 at 8:30 p.m.

Roscoe Lee Browne, Odetta, Shirley Verrett and the Boys Choir of Harlem join John Williams and the Boston Pops Orchestra for a special concert of songs from the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, including "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Woke Up This Morning with My Mind on Freedom," the theme from the movie Glory, and Aaron Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait."

Cinema Thirteen Special: Tidal Latent Wednesday, February 19 at midnight

Winner of the Special Jury Prize at Cannes 1990, Idrissa Ouedraogo's film is a moving tale of honor and family ties in his native Burkina Faso. A young man returns home after two years away to find that his fiancée is now his stepmother — she has married his father!

Frontline: The Color of Your Skin Thursday, February 20 at 10 p.m.

This program is a 60-minute journey into America's great racial divide, following 12 men — black, white and Hispanic — as they confront their racial anger, pain, and bewilderment in the US military's intensive race relations course. (Encore)

Rap City Rhapsody

Friday, February 21 at 10 p.m.

A one-hour exploration of the origins, meaning, and influence of rap music. This one-hour documentary features video clips and interviews with DJ, writers, and rappers Tootie Loc, MC Hammer, Public Enemy, Digital Underground,

Queen Latifah, and KRS-One. (Encore)

Family Across the Sea Saturday, February 22 at 3 p.m.

Taped in South Carolina and Sierra Leone, West Africa, this program traces the historical and cultural relationship between the Africans and the African Americans, descendants of slaves brought over from West Africa, who live along the coast of South Carolina and in the Georgia Sea Islands.

Gore: The Door of No Return Saturday, February 22 at 4 p.m.

The island of Goree, off the coast of Senegal, served as a crucial way station for the West African slaves on their way to the New World. This half-hour film explores the island's role in the slave trade and its new role as an international memorial to the horrors of slavery.

The Session

Sunday, February 23 at 10 p.m.

This independent film offers a fictional view of a radical African-American culture for the '90s. Its scathing comedy explores the redemption of a "buppie" by the merciless DROP (Deprogramming and Restoration of Pride) Squad. (Encore)

The FBI's War on Black America

Sunday, February 23 at 10:40 p.m.

This documentary traces the development of the Black Panther party and COINTELPRO, the program of intimidation and violence practiced by the CIA and FBI to dissolve the part in the late 1960s and early 1970s. (Encore)

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TRENTON — Trenton State College will host a Night of the Arts, an evening of poetry, theater, and dance, at the Brower Student Center, Room 202, at 8 p.m.

WEST WINDSOR — "Minorities and the Arts" will be the subject of a lecture by Will Louis, professor of painting at history at Mercer County Community College at 11:15 a.m. in Room 115 of the Communications Center.

UPPER MONTCLAIR — "African American Women in the 20th Century" will be addressed by Paula Howe, professor of history at Montclair State College at noon in the school's Student Center Ballroom.

PATERSON — "Educating Our Children: A Celebration of Heritage" will be addressed by Dr. Saunders of Montclair State College at the Passaic County Community College Theater at 6 p.m. For more information call 201-684-6558.

HACKENSACK — "African American Student Lecture at Bergen County Historical Society, Call 201-343-5493.

MAHWAH — Lorraine Hale, co-founder of the Hate House, will speak on Drugs in the Black Community at 6 p.m. at Ramapo College.

JERSEY CITY — Glenn Cunningham will read "Faded Footprints: Teaching Local African American History" at 10 a.m. in the Jersey City State College Student Union Building Room 304B. For more information call 201-647-3428.

NEWARK — Historian Lenaworth-Gunther will speak on "African Americans at the Crossroads: Malcolm X and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr." at 1 p.m. in Continental Hall at the Newark Public Library. For information call 201-733-5411.

NEWARK — He-Lite Explosion, introducing the popular West African Dance form at the Mary E. Burch Theater through February 22. Call 201-877-4425.

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CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

NEWARK — Essex County College and the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will offer "Fundamentals of U.S. Customs Law." Special attention will be given to the appropriate use of documents, etc. Course runs Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through March 18. For further information call Essex County College/On Campus Continuing Education 201-677-3438 or Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce 201-242-6237.

WHIPPANY — The Morris County Urban League will sponsor its Employment and Economic Development Luncheon. The topic will be the Role of the Human Resource Professional in the Managing Diversity Process. Guest speaker will be Ernestine Taylor, director of recruiting and employment development at Ortho Pharmaceuticals. The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 201-539-2121.

MADISON — How to Make Your Banker Love Your Company is the forum subject at the George Rothman Institute at Fairleigh Dickinson University from noon to 5 p.m. For more information call 201-585-6842.

WEST WINDSOR — Mercer County Community College will have a community meeting titled "Communicating Feedback," at the West Windsor Campus from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information call 609-586-9446.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

JERSEY CITY — A one-day course on the "Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment" for licensed professionals in health-related fields and education. The course will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. The course will be held at the George Rothman Institute at Fairleigh Dickinson University from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 201-539-2121.

WEST WINDSOR — The "Essentials of POCUS" will be the topic of a course given at Mercer County Community College from 7 to 9:30 p.m. It will also be given on Feb. 27. For more information call 609-586-9446.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WEST WINDSOR — "Introduction to the Personal Computer" will be the title given at Mercer County Community College from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course will also be given Feb. 28. Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3 will be given from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and also on Feb. 28. Introduction to PC 2000 will be given on the PC, will be given from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through to March 6. For more information call 609-586-9446.

Business Exchange...

Blacks and the auto industry

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — Over 13 million Americans, the people who hold one of every seven jobs in the country, are employed in the motor vehicle industry. For this reason, there should be more and more talk among blacks about the importance of the health of this industry to the local and national economy. So, let's start the dialogue here.

Can we talk about the over 200,000 US motor vehicle and equipment manufacturing jobs that have been lost to the nation's economy since the 1970s? Don't you personally know someone who in 1990 was among the 111,000 industry workers classified as laid-off? According to the alarming comments of African-American executive Rodney Coleman, Executive Direc-

tor of Urban and Municipal Affairs for General Motors. "Another 150,000 to 300,000 jobs would be at risk if pending legislation by Senator Richard Bryan is passed," in the Congress.

Senator Bryan's bill mandates a 40 percent increase in corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for cars built and sold in the U.S. CAFE is a weighted average of each auto manufacturer's annual vehicle production and the fuel economy of the vehicles. According to Coleman, "Since less than 3 percent of current US vehicle sales meet the proposed requirements, this legislation puts jobs at risk at 42 US vehicle assembly plants — posing a special risk to minorities." Blacks should take note that minorities make up 20 percent of GM's total employment.

In addition to our already woeful unemployment figures, the health of the auto industry also affects

minorities in the areas of supplying components, parts, and retail dealerships. According to GM's Coleman, "In 1990, GM purchased \$1.1 billion worth of goods and services from 1,500 minority suppliers, (who are) estimated to employ 40,000 minorities." He says that unprofitability among minority dealerships is even higher than the 0.3 percent return on sales experienced by the average GM dealer in 1990.

An education on CAFE and its impact on the auto industry will reveal that higher CAFE standards may actually increase total fuel consumption and pollution because people will tend to keep their old vehicles longer. This retention of older cars delays the introduction of newer vehicles that could achieve better fuel economy and decrease emissions. After the 1973-74 oil crisis, Congress enacted CAFE stan-

dards in hopes of conserving fuel and lessening our dependence on foreign oil. Nineteen ninety two CAFE proponents should also be conscious of the fact that the cost of government regulations, which leads to increased prices, has already threatened enough auto industry jobs. In 1991, consumers have complained because the typical new car costs over \$16,000, but many don't realize that cost includes over \$2,500 worth of government-mandated equipment.

Coleman suggests that we need to remind Bryan and the Congress of the hidden costs associated with proposals like CAFE. "It's essential that all citizens, especially those who would be adversely affected by CAFE increases, let their members know that this is a poor piece of

legislation. I urge all (minorities) to write your Senators and Congressional representatives now and let them know of your concern."

The figures for the nation's number one car maker give an SOS (save our society) edge to Mr. Coleman's comments and concerns. By the mid-1990s, GM's salary work force will total about 71,000, approximately half the size it was in 1985 and 25,000 below end of 1990 levels. By the end of 1992, the hourly GM work force will total approximately 189,000, but by 1995 it will be down to 150,000. Overall, the US auto industry accounts for \$200 billion, or four percent, of the annual gross national product. Blacks should understand that "when the auto industry catches a cold, America catches pneumonia."

Business in the Black

Severe poverty and politics

by Charles E. Belle

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — The homeless are helpless and the poor without work and white and African American support at the polls in the Presidential election this year. In responding to poverty, European welfare systems provide higher minimum standards of income support than are available in the United States or Canada. Citizens of this country have more severe poverty than the people of England, Germany, the Netherlands, France, or Sweden. This is most acute in single parent families with children, according to the November 1991 issue of POCUS. In Europe, high quality public day care and parental leave policies permit parents to pay close attention to their children's welfare, as well as

work or receive generous income assistance through tax and income-transfer systems. Such sensible ideas will be ignored if the present Presidential policies prevail in November. Nothing then, as now, will stop the growing number of homeless and helpless men, women and children on our streets.

Since all the continental European countries have universal access to health care, and most have state-guaranteed advance child-support payments for single parents with dependent spouses, as well as child allowances and entitlements given to all families with children, this country should do no less. In the United Kingdom, 75 percent of the one-parent families have been lifted out of poverty by government income-support programs. In the Netherlands, it is 90 percent.

The Reagan and his run-over

years-to-date failed to produce affordable rental housing for the poor. People found low-rent housing harder to find in 1989 than at any time during the previous 20 years. Government policies can and do make a difference. The US economy was performing better and creating more jobs during this past period than any other country. Citizens such as minorities, low-skilled and young people nevertheless did not participate in this white male prosperity.

Over 60 percent of unemployed US citizens do not receive unemployment insurance benefits. Furthermore, income support for families with children has diminished over this last decade. You can do something about this growing severe poverty by participating in politics this year.

Fundraising drive

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United House of Prayer. Together, these religious leaders represent millions of African Americans.

In responding to the appeal, the group noted that this undertaking is in keeping with the traditional leadership role African American churches have assumed in providing food, clothing, and shelter to the needy in America, and providing humanitarian aid to Africans on the continent of Africa and in the diaspora. Each of the leaders' affil-

iate churches has a foreign mission program that regularly sends money, food, clothing, health supplies and workers to African countries. The group stated that "South Africa Linkage Sunday" is in response to an emergency. They seek to raise \$500,000 in \$5.95 donations from members, many of whom are themselves feeling the pangs of our current economic depression. Black South Africans in the homelands are in greater peril than those of us in this nation.

Self-interest prevailing

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ment we have in the health of our children?

How is it possible that \$61 billion could be marshalled to protect oil prices and the national sovereignty of 2.2 million Kuwaitis, while virtually no money is said to be available to help feed the 5.5 million infants and children who are hungry in Africa?

So far, compassionate initiatives in Washington have not fared well against other special interests. The interests of those who have benefited from the Cold War military buildup, and the concerns of

investors and bankers are being heard above the cries of our children.

The fact is, every fifth child faces hunger in the United States. That is nearly 13.4 million children under the age of 18 who live below the poverty line. Each month, 20 million Americans rely in a food bank or soup kitchen for food; three out of four of these hungry people are either children or their parents.

It is time that the suffering of these children be recognized as a national crisis; a crisis more important than oil, savings and loans, and NATO.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority for the City of New Brunswick in their office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Friday, February 6, 1992, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at which time bids will be opened and read for:

CONTRACT: REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TWENTY NINE (29) CRAWLSPACE SANITARY SEWER LINES SERVICING TWO HUNDRED (200) DWELLING UNITS AND THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ONE (1) UNDERGROUND SANITARY SEWER LINES FROM THE BUILDINGS TO THE COLLECTOR MAINS.

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after February 17, 1992, at the offices of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

A deposit in cash or check, to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50.00 will be required for each set of bidding documents. The sum of \$25.00 will be refunded to any Contractor returning to the Authority a completed and unmarked set of documents within two weeks after the bids are opened. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$50.00 each, but such sets are not refundable.

All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than ten per cent (10%) of the amount of the bid, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), to insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as may be required by the Bidding Documents.

All bids are to be accompanied with the name of the Surety Company. This company shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, published annually in the Federal Register. Failure to provide this information will cause rejection of the bid.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as it may be in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Wednesday, February 26, 1992, at 1:00 p.m., at the Van Dyke Street Office. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND, BUT NON-ATTENDANCE WILL NOT CAUSE REJECTION OF THE BID.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on Proposal Forms and sealed in an envelope marked BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place indicated above.

February 19, 1992

David L. Williams, Jr.
Assistant Executive Director
Housing Authority of the
City of New Brunswick

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CONTRACT: REPLACEMENT OF DUCT WARM AIR HEATING SYSTEM IN ROBESON VILLAGE, N.J. 22-1

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after February 14, 1992, at the offices of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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**DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 1992
CONTRACT: Exterior Reconstruction of Robeson Village (NJ22-1)**

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after February 14, 1992, at the offices of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

A deposit in cash or check, to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50.00 will be required for each set of bidding documents. The sum of \$25.00 will be refunded to the Authority completed and unmarked within two weeks after the bids are opened. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$50.00 each, but such sets are not refundable.

All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid to insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as may be required by the Bidding Documents.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as it may be in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM in the Van Dyke Avenue Office. All bidders are urged to attend but will not cause rejection of bid.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked BID for the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1992
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked BID for the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, JR.
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Feb. 12, 1992

INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (Hereinafter Called The Authority) will receive sealed bids for "Window And Door Replacement" at N.J. 130-434-319 Gregory Avenue, Jersey K Hecht Apartments and N.J. 130-448, 14-34 East Monroe Street, John J. Murphy Apartments.

Firms are to submit their bid in a sealed envelope, placed with a mailing envelope marked "Bid For Window And Door Replacement".

The Bid opening will be held at 12:00 (Prevailing Time) on March 20, 1992 in the Board Room at the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055. No Late Bids Will Be Accepted.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing time) on March 3, 1992 in the community room of the Henry K Hecht Apartments, 299-319 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey 07055.

Bidding Documents, including plans and specification, may be obtained at the Administration Building, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055, in the Purchasing Department, at the Pre-Bid Conference. A non-refundable charge of \$20.00 (in Check Form) will be required to obtain plans and specification.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

G.M. Russo
Management Specialist

February 19, 1992

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Sealed bids for the following proposals will be received at The Office of The Manager, Purchase and Supply Services Division, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, One World Trade Center, Room 82 South, New York, NY 10048 until 11:00 A.M. on the dates indicated below at which time bids will be opened and read.

Proposal # 8759-92 TITLE: REFUSE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AT NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-CONTRACT PSE-815 BIDS DUE: THUR., MARCH 5, 1992

Proposal # 8760-92 TITLE: 1,600 TONS OF HOT ASPHALT FOR NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BIDS DUE: THUR., MARCH 5, 1992

Bid documents are mailed upon request by telephoning (212) 425-3924 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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It must be said!

The true Tyson tragedy

by Alex Cliff

Iron Mike is now destined to at least six years and as many as 60 behind iron bars. Found guilty of all charges against him, the former Heavyweight Champion of the world is now known as a convicted rapist. His life is turned upside down and the tragedy is that some type of unfortunate fate seemed inevitable for this street kid turned multimillionaire.

You can take a kid out of the "hood" but you can't take the "hood" out of the street. No matter how you turn this cliché around, it fits Tyson to the letter. He is a rags to riches to rags story that maybe shouldn't have happened. How can you give a street thing who for fun as a youth used to steal purses from elderly women, give him one of the most prestigious titles in all of sports, and expect him to turn into a class act. No, there are no more Muhammad Ais.

One of the sad things is that in his attack of this young beauty contestant, Tyson probably did not realize he was doing anything wrong. Where he comes from, it may not be as easy for a man to go out and take a woman forcefully. Where he comes from, some women may not demand the same respect that others do, so they allow men to treat them as they will. Also, I'm not too sure if a man who beats up on other humans beings for a living and steals

from the street environment like Tyson does, really knows how to be gentle with anyone — male or female. Don't get me wrong. I am not defending Tyson, I am just saying that there is more to this situation than meets the eye. This is not to slight this young lady, but people need to use a little forethought before they get themselves into situations that they may not be able to handle. Maybe this young lady should have considered Tyson and his past dealings with women before she agreed to go to his room with him. If she thought she could pull a Robin Givens on him, it's obvious that she was sadly mistaken.

So, what's in store for Mike Tyson? After the verdict, I heard several of my colleagues speculating on his boxing career. Sorry fellas, I don't know if Tyson will ever be able to overcome the prison time where he is reported to be placed in a maximum security prison. And, where are his loud talking friends now? I'm sure Mr. "Only in America," Don King has already planned his escape route from the fallen champ. I hear Tyson is calling on Donald Trump for advice. Maybe you're a day late and a dollar short. Mike. Maybe you should have called The Don before King hired you such a sorry law team. Maybe you should have let him handle your whole career. Maybe you shouldn't have broke with Floyd Patterson,

Kevin Rooney, and that crew. They loved you. You instead let King convince you, Robin seduce you, and now you're a young man without a future.

Who knows, we may never hear from Tyson again unless he fights on the prison circuit. Lots of prisoners have fought their way out of prison. And hey, who wouldn't pay to see Tyson fight regardless of where he is?

But, the glory years are gone for him if this appeal falls through. This young man, without any grace, no savvy, no sophistication, did not have the intellectual survival tools to survive in the harsh world he found himself in. And, the sad thing about the whole situation is that if Tyson had not fought his way to the top in boxing, with his dimly-lit environment, he may have begged, borrowed, stole, or fought his way to a prison anyway.

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NEW YORK — SBN Sports announced The Sheridan Black College All-American Football Team for the 1991 Season. The 24 players include five players from the 1990 team and two freshmen.

Alabama State's Linebacker, Eddie Robinson Jr. was named Defensive Player of the Year and his head coach Houston Markham was named Coach of the Year.

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Black History Month Events

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

PISCATAWAY — Medical students and staff will read poetry of African-American poets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student lounge of UMDNJ on 575 Hoes Lane.

HACKENSACK — Gospel Explosion II will take place at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church located at 200 Central Avenue.

PATERSON — A Chronological Presentation of African-American Films will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Passaic County Community College Theater. For more information call 201-664-6555.

NEWARK — African Arts & Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Essex County College on the 2nd level forum. For information call 201-477-3208.

NEWARK — A luncheon and art display featuring African-American paintings and food will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 254 of the UMDNJ School of Health Related Professions. For more information call 201-455-6444. Also, Rev. Calvin Butts, III, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem will be the keynote speaker at a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Grand Foyer of the Medical Science Building on South Orange Avenue. His topic will be "Meeting the Needs of Their People of Need." For more information call 201-456-5431.

NEWARK — Jazz Jam at 7 p.m. at Essex County College in the Dining Hall. For information call 201-477-3208.

EAST ORANGE — Upsala College is holding an African Bazaar at 5 p.m. in the College Center Lounge. For more information call 201-596-7000.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

TRENTON — Kaleidoscope Kids Explore Africa, Family workshop on African and African-American culture at the NJ State Museum. Call 609-292-4310.

TRENTON — Trenton State College will host a Gospel Extravaganza with the TSC Gospel Choir and other area choirs at 8 p.m. in the Brewer Student Center, room 202.

CAMDEN — "Harriet" a Francois Benoit, one-man show at the Wall Whitman Center 1 p.m. Call 609-964-8300.

WEST WINDSOR — Mercer County Community College is sponsoring a bus trip to Philadelphia's Afro-American Historical Museum leaving at 9 p.m. For more information call 609-582-4800 ext. 360.

MAHWAH — The Organization of African Unity will sponsor a day trip to Harlem from Ramapo College.

JERSEY CITY — Baruti K. Kabele, author of "A Black Parents Hand Guide to Educating Your Children" and "Social Setting" will be on hand at the Miller Branch Auditorium, 488 Bergen Avenue. Also, Stephen Coleman will be featured in "Sound Blues," a one-man show of Afrocentric music on the television medium. For more information call 201-647-4055.

WAYNE — Barry Goslin will perform with his quartet in musical tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. on at 6 p.m. at William Paterson College in Shea Center for the Performing Arts. The performance will be followed by an accolade to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by Julian E. Goff, director of health services at NASA's Lewis Research Center at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. For information call 201-685-3101.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

UPPER MONTCLAIR — "The Role of the Church in Social Change" will be addressed by Rev. Archie Hargrave, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montclair at 5 p.m. The Montclair State Gospel Choir and African Dance Troupe, 488 Bergen Avenue. Also, Stephen Coleman will be featured in "Sound Blues," a one-man show of Afrocentric music on the television medium. For more information call 201-647-4055.

CAMDEN — Black Culture on the Silver Screen, free provocative films at the Wall Whitman Center at 3 p.m. Call 609-964-8300.

MONTCLAIR — A lecture by Clement Price at 5 p.m. "Moody Light: Romanticism in the American Landscape" at the Montclair Art Museum.

PRINCETON — Voices, African American songwriters performing songs for children at the Unitarian Church of Princeton. Call 609-727-4983.

TRENTON — The Capital Music Festival with the Rhythmic Chamber Players at the NJ State Museum at 2 p.m. Call 609-292-6310.

NEWARK — The Brian Smith Jazz Sextet at the Newark Museum at 5:30 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For information call 201-596-6500.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24

MAHWAH — Marti 125 comes to Ramapo College. African arts and crafts, clothing and Afrocentric literature will be sold in the Student Center.

TRENTON — Trenton State College will host an Afrocentric Action Debate at 8 p.m. in Folsom Hall, Room 134.

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Small quantities of Pathmark's products are available at the following locations: Pathmark, 201-455-6444. Also, Rev. Calvin Butts, III, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem will be the keynote speaker at a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Grand Foyer of the Medical Science Building on South Orange Avenue. His topic will be "Meeting the Needs of Their People of Need." For more information call 201-456-5431.



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